

From Miss
Cowan to Mrs
Brown who lives
in Bangor

Mrs Prentiss &
Miss Pagon
send love to

you and all the
when they dispose
of the remainder
of the portion they
will the more

Cambridge Jan 11th /58

Brown

I improve this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16 Dec. to thank you for that and for your kindness in many other things. for it is to you that I owe my prosperity here in West Cambridge principally your very pretty note (as Mrs Proctor expresses herself) to Mrs Hill enlisted her in my behalf, and has helped me to more work than I have had in any other way Mrs Hill has been very kind and I like her very much I have had plenty of work all the fall it begins to be a little dull now but I want a little leisure I like here very much Mrs Prentiss & Miss Pagon are very kind to me I think I am much happier here this winter.

than I should be in Bangor
for I don't believe I should have
had much work there this winter
it is such hard times and without
work I should be miserable
so you will have the satisfaction of knowing
that you have made one person compar-
atively happy. I have not got my
flounced silk yet I thought it
would be extravagant this winter
I have had a new thibet dress
dark brown and a velvet bonnet which
I made myself. lined with feathers.
I think it is very pretty

If my health is perfectly good, I am
happy to say, Mrs Dentiss & Miss Payson
are well but I am has been quite
unwell for five or six weeks with
cold and cough. he is some better
now. Abby visits him very often
they are a very affectionate couple
I am glad you are enjoying yourself
so well this winter it must be

very pleasant for you to have
Mattie with you. give my love to her
how is Master Fred Brown. Does he
go to Gabbof Stool this winter what
a smart man is he. I should
like to see the little roger ~~has~~^{she} has he
forgoten that he was going to give
Mith Towan a ride with a white
horth; give my love to Lhemie &
Lizze I am glad they enjoy the
cold weather and the snow. we
have had very fine weather her all
the fall and winter so far we have
not had any snow until within
a week not enough for good sleighing
now Mrs Prentiss wants me to write
you about that tottin which you sent
her to sell she has sold about two
dollars worth it would have sold
more readily and brought a better
price had it been made larger
it is so fine that it is only fit
for baby's cloths she has sold it

five cts per yd the larger king sells
for ten cts but most every lady
makes it for herself so I do not think it
a good market I shall enclose the
money in this letter I should think
the ~~old~~ lady must be tired of waiting
I am sorry to hear that Mrs Smith is
so poorly hope she is better ere this
give my best love to her and family
a to Miss Gibbs when you see her, much
love to yourself and all friends

Yours Affectionately

Dear Mr Brown

A. J. Cowan

as you were so very kind
as to write me a line I will answer it
with pleasure. yes hard times has also
been here but I think he has not taken
so large a place in this community as
in many others I think the only way
to manage the old fellow is to
keep a stiff upper lip and live with
in your means whatever that is if possible
and hope for better days, coming hope you
two new shirts were large enough to give you
your room according to your strength. 1846

cannot write any more full part of row

To see my dear friends I
wish they could
come and see us
I have not fully
made up my mind
whether I shall leave home
this summer or not,

Tell Mr. Brown we shall
hope to see him when he
comes to buy his goods
I must close with
much love from
cousin Alice to
a member of
your family &
accept the sincere
love of your cousin
A. A. C.

April 17th 59
I feel that I owe you an
apology for my remissness in neglecting so long to answer
your most interesting letter but I will ask pardon &
promise to be more punctual in future. It gave us all
much pleasure to hear such a particular account of
each member of your interesting family I think Gardie
could sympathize fully in the sufferings of Henry
Brown, on account of the cruelty of both "male Parents"
in regard to the correspondence of their sons, with their
little Lady Loves. Gardie was called upon to shed bitter
tears on the occasion but the grief has now passed off.

Aunt & Uncle Goodman are to leave us today. They
are going first to Newton Corner to spend a week or
two and then they intend to go to Springfield to
spend the Summer. We are very sorry to have them
leave us for we have enjoyed their society much but
Mr. Rogers has bought seven acres of land and a house
in Springfield and he will have quite a farm and

Abbie's health is not good this spring and she is very anxious to have Aunt with her I do not think Aunt would go if it were not for Abbie's peculiar situation it seems quite funny to think of Abbie's living on a Farm she is now beginning to feel the cares of life Charlie Rogers is a beautiful babe he is a year old today. Clara Rogers health is improving gradually Clara Sullivan is a great comfort to her and she is such good company that Mrs Rogers is very happy with her. Clara Stacy will not attend school this Summer she has the care of all the cooking and the House. George Rogers is in Georges Town & he is doing very well. Aunt Woodman had a long letter from Hannah Cliphart the last Steamer her health is very poor she is now under medical treatment for great trouble in her back and she was to have her back cupped she is very anxious to come home with Mrs Badger who is to come on the 5th of April and it is such a good opportunity for her to come home that it seems a pity she should not come Hannah has no advantages there for the education of her children and she has no church and indeed she seems to be deprived of all

The privileges and advantages she has been
accustomed to. she says she is old and grey
and moreover weak but not least she is shockingly
homesick. I think she may come with Mrs. Badger
she is considering the expediency of that plan and
if it is possible for her to accomplish her plan she
and the children will come the next steamer
with her friends. Cousin Mary Olive we see
occasionally she has been in Boston rather more
than usual she has sung several times in a
new Cantata of Mr. Hook's called the Haymakers
which has been performed several times in
Boston with most brilliant success and it has
also been performed in Worcester & New Bedford between
you & myself I think Mary is one of the most
perfect specimens of a woman I have ever met
with I wish you were here to enjoy with me
the beautiful gardens with which Brooklyn
abounds these early Spring flowers seem very
precious after the cold winter. Tell your Mother
that the Plants she gave me are growing very
well and I prize them much as her gifts. Mother
was much pleased with her letter from your

Father and she will answer it soon but
she had always rather receive letters than write them
How is dear Aunt Headlock and all the family
I have written to her but she does not answer my
letter I want much to hear about Uncles health
Give much love to her when you see her and tell
me all about her when you write. I want to hear
about the Robinsons I suppose Abby has grown quite
large give my love to her and tell her I should love
to have a letter from her. I hope your Father & Mother
continue in good health give my love to them

I am glad Mattie is so pleasantly situated in
New York I think she was very fortunate in finding
a situation in New York. Emmie writes me that
Mattie is going to make you a visit this Summer
I hope she will remember that we should be most
happy to have her come and see us on the way
it was quite surprised to hear the news from Emmie
I hope Mary will not go South again to teach for
she has seen so much affliction in the families
where she has been staying that it must seem sad
to her there I suppose she and Mattie will go
to Bangor together and we shall hope to have a
visit from them on their way. I want much